

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, beginning under the heading **CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS** with the following:

A<sup>1</sup>  
This application is a continuation of copending application Serial No. 09/193,653 filed November 17, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of ~~copending application Serial No.~~ 08/739,264 filed October 29, 1996 now Patent No. 5,840,318, which is a continuation-in-part of 08/517,016 filed October 18, 1995 now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of 08/376,175 filed January 20, 1995 now abandoned, which is continuation-in-part of 08/059,745 filed May 11, 1993 now abandoned, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.